

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re U.S. Patent Application of: )  
Douglas B. Buchanan )  
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For: PUTTER HEAD WITH PRE-MACHINED )  
INSERT )  
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Filing Date: March 15, 2002 )

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A**

Dear Sir:

This communication includes a preliminary amendment to be entered upon filing of this U.S. non-provisional patent application under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a).

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 13 and 17.

Please replace claim 9 with amended claim 9 as follows:

“9. (Amended) A head for a putter according to claim 7 wherein the insert has a front face, the front face only being machined from either the bar stock or as cast material.”

Please add new claim 18 as follows:

“18. (New) A head for a putter according to claim 8 wherein the insert has a front face, the front face only being machined from either the bar stock or as cast material.”

REMARKS

Claims 13 and 17 have been canceled. Claim 9 has been amended and new claim 18 has been added. The amendment is merely a matter of form, and is for the sole purpose of eliminating unnecessary multiple dependent claims and adding regular dependent claims in their place for convenience in reviewing the claims and reducing the filing fee. The amendment is not for any purpose related to patentability. Applicant respectfully requests that the above amendment be entered into the file upon filing of this U.S. non-provisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the Claims:**

Claims 13 and 17 have been cancelled.

Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

9. (Amended) A head for a putter according to claim 7 [or claim 8] wherein the insert has a front face, the front face only being machined from either the bar stock or as cast material.

New claim 18 has been added as follows:

--18. (New) A head for a putter according to claim 8 wherein the insert has a front face, the front face only being machined from either the bar stock or as cast material.--